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Chairman

Katherine K. Tampo
Clerk of the Legislature

December 15, 2011

Chairwoman Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislature
95 Franklin St.
Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

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Dear Chairwoman Miller-Williams:

Enclosed herewith for your information, please find the following Motion adopted by the Chautauqua County Legislature on December 14, 2011.

MOTION NO. 15-11 – Urging Passage of Senate Bill S.5889B and Assembly Bill A8644 That Would Implement a Multi-Year State Takeover of the Local Share of Medicaid

Sincerely,


A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathy K. Tampo".

Kathy K. Tampo, Clerk
Chautauqua County Legislature

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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
MOTION NO. 15-11



TITLE: Urging Passage of Senate Bill S.5889-B and Assembly Bill A.8644 that Would
Implement a Multi-Year State Takeover of the Local Share of Medicaid

AT THE REQUEST OF: Chairman Croscut and Legislator Mueller:

WHEREAS, when State lawmakers, including Senator Young, enacted a property tax cap, they pledged to also enact mandate relief that would enable and empower local leaders to implement that tax cap, but that mandate relief has not materialized; and

WHEREAS, at a local state-wide cost of \$7.3 billion, Medicaid is the number one mandate facing counties; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County property taxpayers will pay approximately \$32.6 million in State Medicaid costs in 2012; and

WHEREAS, if a State takeover of Medicaid is enacted, County property taxes could be reduced by over 48 % percent; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S.5889-B/Assembly Bill A.8644 would require State legislators to take full fiscal responsibility for New York's largest-in-the-nation Medicaid program, by implementing an eight-year (8) gradual takeover of county Medicaid costs; and

WHEREAS, State lawmakers can fund the takeover with a combination of Medicaid program reforms, state-derived savings, and other spending controls, including applying the State's Medicaid Redesign Team reform savings to mandate relief and pursuing a Federal Medicaid waiver to leverage State cost-containment initiatives that can be applied to obtain property tax relief; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Chautauqua County Legislature hereby calls on State lawmakers to keep their promise, by enacting Senate Bill S.5889-B/Assembly Bill A.8644 into law to provide property tax relief for citizens of New York State, in the form of an eight-year State takeover of county Medicaid costs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Chautauqua County Legislature is hereby directed to send certified copies of this Motion to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senator Catharine Young, Assemblyman Andrew Goodell, Assemblyman Joseph Giglio, all New York State Counties, Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce, New York State Farm Bureau, the New York State Association of Counties, and InterCounty Association of Western New York.